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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
) MUR 6528
Michael Grimm for Congress and Nancy)
H. Watkins in her official capacity as)
treasurer; Michael Grimm; Ofer Biton;)
Mosdot Shuva Israel Synagogue; Rabbi)
Yoshiyahu Yosef Pinto; Unknown)
Respondents A, B, and C)

CERTIFICATION

I, Shelley E. Garr, recording secretary of the Federal Election Commission executive session, do hereby certify that on October 01, 2015, the Commission took the following actions in the above-captioned matter:

1. Failed by a vote of 3-3 to:

- a. Find reason to believe that Michael Grimm knowingly and willfully violated 52 U.S.C. § 30121(a)(2).
- b. Find reason to believe that Michael Grimm for Congress and Nancy H. Watkins in her official capacity as treasurer knowingly and willfully violated 52 U.S.C. § 30121(a)(2).
- c. Enter into pre-probable cause conciliation with Michael Grimm and Michael Grimm for Congress and Nancy H. Watkins in her official capacity as treasurer, t as recommended in the Second General Counsel's Report dated September 24, 2015.
- d. Dismiss the allegations that Ofer Biton, Rabbi Yoshiyahu Yosef Pinto, Mosdot Shuva Israel Synagogue, and Unknown Respondents A, B, and C violated the Act and close the file as to them.

- e. Approve the Factual and Legal Analyses as recommended in the Second General Counsel's Report dated September 24, 2015.
- f. Approve the appropriate letters.

Commissioners Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the motion.

Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, and Petersen dissented.

2. Failed by a vote of 3-3 to:

- a. Find reason to believe that Michael Grimm knowingly and willfully violated 52 U.S.C. § 30121(a)(2).
- b. Find reason to believe that Michael Grimm for Congress and Nancy H. Watkins in her official capacity as treasurer knowingly and willfully violated 52 U.S.C. § 30121(a)(2).
- c. Enter into pre-probable cause conciliation with Michael Grimm and Michael Grimm for Congress and Nancy H. Watkins in her official capacity as treasurer, as recommended in the Second General Counsel's Report dated September 24, 2015
- d. Dismiss the allegations that Ofer Biton, Rabbi Yoshiyahu Yosef Pinto, Mosdot Shuva Israel Synagogue, and Unknown Respondents A, B, and C violated the Act and close the file as to them.
- e. Approve the Factual and Legal Analyses as recommended in the Second General Counsel's Report dated September 24, 2015 last circulated by Vice Chairman Petersen's Office at 1:52 P.M. on October 1, 2015 and with edits as discussed at the Table regarding the distinction between Rabbi Pinto's activities and his wife's activities.

f. Authorize technical and conforming edits.

g. Approve the appropriate letters.

Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, and Petersen voted affirmatively for the motion.

Commissioners Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub dissented.

Attest:

October 2, 2015
Date

Shelley E. Galt
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Deputy Secretary of the Commission